

## REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 07 June 2001  
Name of applicant/court: Glenn R. Holland  
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable  
Title of Publication: Holiday Snapshots  
Other Known Titles: "Holiday Snapshots"  
Director: Not Applicable  
Producer: Not Applicable  
Publisher: Not Stated  
Author: David Hamilton (Photographer)  
Format: Book  
Country of Origin: France  
Language: English

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**Components of film originally examined:** Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable pursuant to sections 3(2)(a) and 3(3)(b) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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**SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:**

The publication contains more than 300 photographs of naked and partially clad girls who are predominantly pre-pubescent or pubescent. All of the photographs are accompanied by a caption, some being just a word or a name, while others are quotations from world famous poets but used entirely out of context.

The Board was concerned at the manner in which the girls were presented and with many of the captions which accompanied the images. The girls were presented in a seductive or titillating manner as objects of sexual desire. Many of the captions which accompanied them promoted the idea that sexual activity with the girls would be a desirable outcome, and that many of the girls themselves would welcome that activity. This suggested that sexual activity with female children and young persons was something good.

In the Board's view, this deemed the publication objectionable under the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act in that it tended to promote or support the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes and brought it within section 3(2) of the Act.

The Board also had regard to section 3(1) and the matters listed under section 3(4) of the Act. These included matters such as the fact that David Hamilton is a recognised photographer whose photographic accomplishments are lauded in the foreword to his book, which is a glossy and well-bound one. These matters lent themselves to the implication that the publication had the seal of social approval and authority.

The Board acknowledged that the publication did have some artistic merit and that some of the images in it were quality ones. However, the dominant effect of the publication as a whole exploited the nudity of female children and young persons in such a manner that, in the Board's opinion, its availability was likely to be injurious to the public good. This also brought the publication within section 3(3)(b) of the Act.

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